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## MAX MAIN, WØBDH, NEW PPRAA PRESIDENT

### TALK, FILM PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER MEET

A talk on the part which amateur radio plays in Civil Defense and a film from the Mountain States Telephone Co. will be the features of the November PPRAA meeting November 9 at the Red Cross Center.

The talk, by George Kowalski, WØGCH, will give him the chance to try out the talk on this subject which he is slated to give soon to the Sertoma Club in Colorado Springs. George hopes the "dry run" will be critiqued by the PPRAA members and give him the opportunity to perfect the talk to enlighten Sertoma members on the activities of hams in the area.

The film will be a technical type, either on "Microwaves" or on "Bell Telephone Activities," depending on which film is available at meeting time.

Arrangements are being made to procure some of the films and slide series programs from ARRL. The first of these programs will be given at the December meeting and available programs will be discussed at the November meeting.

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### PETE DEMARIO, BILL KRAFT, ED POMPEA ALSO ELECTED

Max Main, WØBDH, was elected as president, Pete Demario, KØUDG, re-elected as vice president, Bill Kraft, W7CMU/Ø, as secretary and Ed Pompea, KØZPG, as treasurer of the PPRAA for the coming year at the October meeting.

Before electing the officers, PPRAA members voted to fill the four vacancies in the Board of Directors, created by expiring terms. Max, BDH, and Pete, UDG, were re-elected to fill their own vacancies, Bill, 7CMU/Ø, was elected to fill the position he took over two months ago when Brian Lord, KØJUX, resigned to attend college, and George Kowalski, WØGCH, was elected to fill the vacancy formerly held by Art Meyer, WAØAEH, who declined to run again.

Selection of new officers was then made from the four new board members, elected for two years, and the other four members of the board, John Summers, WAØHHN, Harlan Talley, KØUIG, Ed Pompea, KØZPG, and Wally Rowland, KØWMD, whose terms expire next year in accordance with the club constitution.

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The PPRAA meets on the second Wednesday of each month, starting at 8 pm., in the Red Cross Building, 1600 N. Cascade Ave. All radio amateurs are invited.

## PPRAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Pres. - Max Main - WØBDH  
Vice Pres. - Pete Demario - KØUDG  
Secty. - Bill Kraft - W7CMU/Ø  
Treas. - Ed Pompea - KØZPG

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John Summers Sr. - WAØHHN  
Harlan Talley - KØUIG  
Wally Rowland - KØWMD  
George Kowalski - WØGCH

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## A GOOD CLUB IS EVERYONE'S JOB

Members of the PPRAA, at least those members who were interested enough to attend the October meeting, have elected a new slate of officers for the next year---each one of whom, through past activities, has proved worthy of the task of heading the club.

However, the PPRAA, like other organizations, is not a "four man operation." The officers, even the very best, cannot properly "run" a good club without the help of all the members of the club.

The new president, after his election, announced that soon he would be calling on the members, through appointments to committees, to do their part in helping to carry on the activities of the club.

It is the duty of each member of the PPRAA who is asked to serve on a committee or some kind to do so, and to do so to the best of his or her ability. This is the only way we can continue to have a club worthy of the name it gained as the result of the fine convention we promoted this year.

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## 'NIP' LEAVES US

The ranks of the "old timers" in the PPRAA have been further depleted by the loss of another of the PPRAA charter members---Edward O. "Nip" Neppel,

WØCVG, who has left Colorado Springs to become a resident of Bisbee, Arizona, and acquire a call in "7-land."

To say his loss will be felt is putting it rather mildly. "Nip" was always one of the most active of PPRAA members and could always be counted on to "give a hand" whenever it was needed.

"Nip" further left his mark on the PPRAA during the September PPRAA sale of used equipment by donating tubes, relays, and other parts and equipment which added some \$50 to the PPRAA treasury.

Good luck in your new home "Nip"---we'll miss you in person but hope we can continue to hear about you via ham radio.

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## PERHAPS IT STILL DID SOME GOOD

According to the ARRL statement, printed in this issue of Ø Beat, regarding the "dire" story in last month's issue, it seems we were a bit premature in what it really amounted to and maybe we sort of "went off the deep end" in our editorializing.

However, the story did do something good---it served to get us "on the ball" and show us how easy it would be to lose some of the privileges we now have if we didn't mend our ways.

At least it did that much good.

Frank - WØHWH

# AARL SAYS 'TEST' STORY MISINTERPRETED

From ARRL Headquarters comes the following "enlightenment" regarding the story carried in last month's issue, regarding the possibility of "new tests" for ham operators:

"A story distributed by the Associated Press has recently appeared in various papers around the country summarizing Docket 15928. It is a reasonably factual account of the general matter of incentive licensing, but its appearance at this time has created the impression among hams of some new or imminent action on the part of ARRL or FCC, and the usual rumors are going the rounds, especially on voice bands.

"The article was written by Stephen M. Aug, of AP's Washington office, who is himself an amateur. It was intended primarily as routine background for the public. It is absolutely nothing new, but rather a recap of the three-year developments in incentive licensing. It was not an ARRL nor FCC release (as some ru-

mors would have it.)

"Journalism being what it is, locally-written headlines to attract attention have created some of the furor--e. g. 'Hams Face FCC Crackdown,' and 'Hams May Pay \$1 Million.' The story identifies ARRL as the instigator of the proceeding, but does not differentiate between our proposals and the FCC version. Thus the erroneous impression is being created (or perpetuated) among some hams that the League proposed re-examination of most amateur licensees, whereas of course our original proposal was for a higher grade license and did not involve Novice, Technician, Advanced or Extra Classes, in themselves totalling nearly half our number. The fee figure is unrealistic as well, since Aug obviously took the round figure of 250,000 times \$4 to attain the \$1 million quoted.

"Please help to put to rest any misinformation to the effect that there has been any sudden change in the incentive licensing program. WIAW is carrying a bulletin to this end."

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## NOVEMBER MEETING

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ing to determine the future program desires of the PPRAA members.

There will, of course, be the usual prizes and coffee and doughnuts during a meeting "break."

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## ART GEYER RETURNS TO QTH

Art Geyer, WØJSW, who spent the summer in this area as part of his job with General Motors, is now back at his QTH in Milford, Mich. He also has a new QTH there. He built a 14' x 20' ham shack, then a 80' by 30' house around it. Also has a 70-foot tower.

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The originally-announced date of December 31, 1966 for discontinuance of the separate phone DXCC award has been postponed indefinitely by the ARRL.

## CODE-THEORY CLASS NOW MEETS AT WALLY ROWLAND'S HAM SHACK

The PPRAA Code and Theory Class is now meeting at the new ham shack of Wally Rowland, KØWMD, at 4 Via Chula Vista, Manitou Springs.

Wally and John Summers Sr., WA-ØHHN, conduct the class, assisted by Bonnie Bondurant and other PPRAA members. They are never too busy to help anyone having rig trouble.

The class is made up of both beginners and "seasoned hams." Classes start at 7 p.m. each Thursday and consist of one hour of code (at all speeds), followed by an hour of theory.

The class has already been instrumental in helping a number of persons get their FCC licenses.



## SIDE BANDS -

If you call George Kowalski, WØGCH, on the land line and feel as though you've said goodbye even before George answers, it's because the last four digits of his phone number are 73 73.

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WWV is giving a special first day QSL to hams copying it on voice from the new WWV location at Boulder, Colo., starting at 1700 MST November 5. (if you get your Ø Beat before that date.)

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Florence Kaplicky, who has attended so many PPRAA meetings and who was so active in charge of the snack bar during the convention that many of the members probably thought she was already a PPRAA member, signed up as an associate member at the October meeting. For someone who is not a ham, Florence has typified the "ideal" of any club---a hard and willing worker who never fails to respond when help is needed. She is definitely a welcome part of the club.

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Retiring president Art Mayer, WAØAEH, announced at the October meeting that the recommendation that Wally Rowland, KØWMD, be appointed an official observer for this area had been approved. The announcement of the approval also stated that Wally had been appointed a "Class 1 Observer," the only Class 1 appointee in the state of Colorado.

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The call WØCVG, with "Nip" Nepple behind the call, will be heard no more in Colorado Springs. Nip, one of the original members of the PPRAA, has left the Pikes Peak area to join his brother in Bisbee, Arizona, and probably will be on the air one of these days with a "7" call. That leaves Earl Leonard as one of the few remaining really "old-timers" on the PPRAA rolls.

## PPRAA AREC PARTICIPATES IN SIMULATED EMERGENCY TEST

The Amateur Radio Emergency Corps (AREC) of the PPRAA participated in a simulated emergency test on Sunday, October 9.

The drill was activated by Emergency Coordinator George Kowalski, WØGCH, at 2 pm, on 146.25 mc., and the members assembled at the Red Cross Center. Twelve members participated, seven of them being mobile.

George, GCH, opened the meeting and explained the purpose of the drill. Elven McIra of the Red Cross explained the need of good communications in time of a disaster.

The simulated emergency was an earthquake of the intensity of 5.06 on the Richter scale. Larry Lewis, WAØDGL, from Trinidad State College gave a talk on earthquakes and told of his experience during the recent Trinidad quake. Larry works on the siesmograph at the college and showed graphs taken of the quake. The fault line in the Colorado Springs area was also pointed out.

The sealed envelope from SET Headquarters was opened to reveal an additional hazard of a foot of snow as a part of the simulated emergency.

At 8 pm, on the AREC Net, messages were sent for relay to a Red Cross branch in California and to the SCM in Denver. Both reached their destination within one hour of origination.

Several PPRAA members have been attending the Radiological Classes held at the Civil Defense Center.

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John Marek, WAØEJL, is now on 40 meter CW with the "peanut whistle" he built. It's a two transistor job, one watt, xtal controlled. He has received a good signal report from a mile and a half away.

**GETTING TO KNOW YOU =**

(Thanks to the efforts of Bill Kraft, this column received some new "life" in the form of information from additional members which assures its continuance for at least another two or three months. ---Editor)

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**KØUDG - Pete Demario**

Employed by the D&RG Railroad as a telegrapher, wire chief and agent at the Colorado Springs depot. Formerly employed by Colorado and Southern Railroad. Operated as N9WCP while in communications with the U. S. Navy. Equipment: CE100V, 600L, KWM2, HQ170, RTTY. Antennas: Telerelex tribander and a long wire. Works 20, 40, 80 and 15 meters. Hobbies: Flying.

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**KØSPS - Jim Kieffaber**

Employed as a technician and manager by Circle TV in Colorado Springs. Formerly served in U. S. Navy and operated as K6NCG at Treasure Island, San Francisco. Has operated present call since January 1959. Equipment: Xmtrs: Home-made 70 watt crystal controlled on 40, 20 and 15 meters and ARC-3 and ARC-1 transceivers and ARC-27 VFH/UHF. Rcvr: RCA AR-88. Antennas: 14AV (old) vertical, CW only on HF, A2 and A# on VFH---"SSB costs money!" Hobbies: Astronomy (optical type) and many others."

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**WAØHHN - John H. Summers Sr.**

A Colorado Springs auto parts man for the past 21 years. Formerly with J-M Service Corp. and Crosby Specialized Service in Springfield, Mo. Have operated since March 1964---receive license at same time as son, John Jr. (WAØHHO) Equipment: Swan 400, Heath Twoer. Antennas: Dipoles. Works 40, 20 and 2 meters. Hobbies: Fly fishing and fly typing.

**WAØEJI - John Marek**

A ninth grader at Horace Mann Jr. High. Has operated since July 1963. Equipment: National NCX-3 transceiver. Antennas: Hornet V-75 vertical on 20 and 40, 8 element beam and ground plane on 2 meters. Works 20 meter SSB and 2 meter AM. Hobbies: Flying - now working for private pilot license.

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**WAØNTA - Ida M. Keller**

Employed by Internal Revenue Service as a tax assistant. Formerly employed by U. S. Rubber Co. Has operated general class since September 1966 (our latest ex-novice). Equipment: DX-60 xmtr, NC-300 rcvr. Antennas: Vertical. Hobbies: Flying - a private pilot. Is an active member of the Naval Reserves, drilling monthly at Olathe Naval Air Station, Kans.

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**WØSWM - Earl E. Leonard**

Employed in the engineering lab of Clifton Precision Products Co. in Colorado Springs. Formerly with KVQR, Vicon Instrument Co., and Alexander Film Co. Has operated since October 1934. Equipment: Globe Scout xmtr., SX100 rcvr. Antennas: Trap vertical. Hobbies: Boy Scouts - a veteran leader. A member of Colorado Springs Ham clubs since 1936 and now probably the senior member of the PPRAA with the departure of "Nip" Nepple, WØCVG, for Arizona.

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**WØCVG - E. O. "Nip" Nepple**

First operated as 6HDC on 200 meters in Arizona while copper mining. Returned to Colorado in 1930 and during the 1933-37 period was with Saylor Park Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camp. After a sojourn in California, returned again to Colorado Springs and joined the local ham club in 1939, was a member until it disbanded during World War II.

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Operated as W9UPT until start of war, then worked at Douglas Army Air Base, Bisbee, Ariz. After the war operated 2-1/2 meters, then 10 meters as W9UPT-6. In 1947 operated as W7JMG and in 1950 returned to Colorado Springs and a KW AM rig. In 1948 devised the inverted V antenna--was first AM station on 80 to work ZLs, VKs and JAs on that band. In 1951 started operating as WØCVG. Became a member of the PPRAA in 1951. Is retired from 18 years, 8 months Civil Service in radio repair and communications.

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U. S. AMATEURS WARNED ABOUT  
BAN ON SOME COUNTRIES

(From ARRL Bulletin)

U. S. amateurs are reminded that the following countries object to communications between their amateurs and those of other countries: Cambodia, Indonesia (including West New Guinea), Thailand and Vietnam. The prefixes to avoid are HS, XU, 3W8 (or XV5) and 8F. K1IYPE/XV5 is operating from Vietnam with the express authority of the local government and the FCC, therefore has no objection to U. S. amateurs working this station.

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